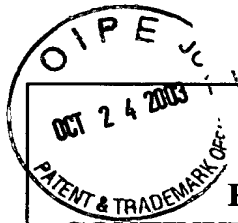


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number:	10/031,941
	Filing Date:	May 13, 2002
	First Named Inventor:	Klaus Bruchmann
	Group Art Unit:	2832
	Confirmation No.	8744
	Examiner Name:	Michael A. Friedhofer
	Attorney Docket No.	BRU6144P0060US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted:
 - i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☒ Other: Consider the previously submitted First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed September 8, 2003 prior to the issuance of the Notice of Allowance dated September 9, 2003. A duplicate copy of the First Supplemental Information Statement is enclosed.
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy as previously submitted)
 - iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ A check is enclosed in the amount of \$770.00 for the following:

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) of \$770.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) of \$_____
- iii. ☐ Fee of \$_____ for presentation of additional or amended claims in any accompanying Amendment/Reply where such Amendment/Reply and the fee for such claims has not been previously submitted, said fee calculated as follows:

NUMBER OF CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
			RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	MINUS -	=	x \$ 9.00 =	\$	x \$ 18.00 =	\$
INDEPENDENT	MINUS -	=	x \$43.00 =	\$	x \$ 86.00 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$145.00 =	\$	+ \$290.00 =	\$
			Total Fee	\$		\$

- iv. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e).
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §1.136 and §1.17).
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) of the fees identified in Item 3.a. above.

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

- d. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge payment of the following amounts associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785:
 - i. ☒ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and 37 CFR §1.17 and 37 CFR §1.136 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.
 - ii. ☒ Additional processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.

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Date: October 21, 2003

Attorney's Signature


Paul M. Odell, Reg. No. 28,332

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Request For Continued Examination Transmittal and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Date of Deposit:

October 21, 2003

Typed/Printed Name of Person Signing:

Paul M. Odell

Signature:

